

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/988,831

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please add new Figures 1-2. For the reasons explained in the “Remarks” section of the Amendment, the figures do not constitute new matter.

Attachment: New Sheets

REMARKS

I. Background regarding application

When the above-identified application was filed on November 20, 2001, P-Cube Ltd. owned the rights to the application and had retained the law firm of Sughrue Mion, PLLC to file the application. Prior to April 19, 2005, P-Cube Ltd. assigned the rights to the application to the present assignee, and as a result of the assignment, Sughrue Mion, PLLC forwarded all of its documents relating to the application to the undersigned attorneys, who represent the assignee.

On April 19, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") issued a Notice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 indicating that the drawings for the application could not be located. As a result of the transfer, Sughrue Mion, PLLC does not have any records that indicate the application papers which were actually filed, and the undersigned attorneys are unsure whether or not the drawings were actually filed. Accordingly, the undersigned attorneys are assuming that the drawings inadvertently were omitted from the application and are filing this Preliminary Amendment to add certain drawings to the application and remove references to the other drawings from the specification.

II. Addition of new drawings

Applicants are adding new Figs. 1-2 to the present application, and these figures do not contain any new matter. For example, new Figs. 1 and 2 are identical to Figs. 1 and 2 of U.S. Appln. No. 09/606,214 ("the '214 application"). Since the present application (page 17, lines 4-5) incorporates the disclosure of the '214 application by reference, new Figs. 1 and 2 do not constitute new matter.

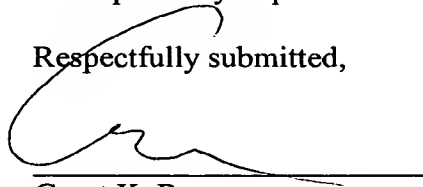
III. Amendments to the specification

Applicants are amending the specification to renumber and delete some of the references to various figures mentioned in the specification and to correct minor errors. Such changes clearly do not constitute new matter.

IV. Conclusion

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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